

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A dispenser assembly for a refrigerator having a body and a door for opening/closing a front surface of the body, comprising:

a dispenser in a front surface of the door for supplying water;

a hinge coupled between the door and the body;

a water supply pipe passed through insides of the hinge and the door, and connected to the dispenser; and

a curved holding member above the hinge that partially surrounds and holds the water supply pipe ~~to prevent deformation of the pipe which causes obstruction of water flow, including an opening on a side of the holding member for inserting the water supply pipe therethrough, the opening extending along a length of said curved holding member and lying within a substantially flat plane,~~

wherein the holding member has projections from opposite sides of the opening at upper and lower ends of the holding member.

2. (Original) The dispenser assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the holding member has an inside diameter smaller than an outside diameter of the water supply pipe.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A dispenser assembly for a refrigerator having a body and a door for opening/closing a front surface of the body, comprising:

a dispenser in a front surface of the door for supplying water;

a hinge coupled between the door and the body;

a water supply pipe passed through insides of the hinge and the door, and connected to the dispenser; and

a curved holding member above the hinge that partially surrounds and holds the water supply pipe~~The dispenser assembly as claimed in claim 1,~~

wherein the holding member has holes in the other side surface, the holes being sized to allow for pushing out the water supply pipe inserted therein to be pushed out from the holding member.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The dispenser assembly as claimed in ~~claim 5~~claim 1, wherein the holding member has an inside diameter at the portion of the projections smaller than an outside diameter of the water supply pipe.

7. (Previously Presented) The dispenser assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the holding member has a semi-cylindrical form having one opened side surface.

8. (Original) The dispenser assembly as claimed in claim 7, wherein the holding member has an inside diameter smaller than an outside diameter of the water supply pipe.

9. (Original) The dispenser assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the holding member has a reinforcing rib for preventing the holding member from breaking by an elastic force of the water supply pipe.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The dispenser assembly as claimed in claim 1, further comprising~~A dispenser assembly for a refrigerator having a body and a door for opening/closing a front surface of the body, comprising:

a dispenser in a front surface of the door for supplying water;

a hinge coupled between the door and the body;

a water supply pipe passed through insides of the hinge and the door, and connected to the dispenser;

a curved holding member above the hinge that partially surrounds and holds the water supply pipe; and

recess portions in a top portion of the door and the hinge portion having the water supply pipe passed therethrough.

11. (Currently Amended) A refrigerator comprising:

- a body;
- a door for opening/closing a front surface of the body;
- a dispenser in a front surface of the door for supplying water;
- a hinge coupled between the door and the body;
- a water supply pipe passed through insides of the hinge and the door, and connected to the dispenser;
- a hinge cover for covering and protecting the water supply pipe; and
- a curved holding member above the hinge that partially surrounds and holds the water supply pipe ~~to prevent deformation of the pipe which causes obstruction of water flow, including an opening on a side of the holding member for inserting the water supply pipe therethrough, the opening extending along a length of said curved holding member and lying within a substantially flat plane; and~~

recess portions in a top portion of the door and the hinge portion having the water supply pipe passed therethrough.

12. (Original) The refrigerator as claimed in claim 11, wherein the holding member has an inside diameter smaller than an outside diameter of the water supply pipe.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A refrigerator comprising:

- a body;
- a door for opening/closing a front surface of the body;
- a dispenser in a front surface of the door for supplying water;
- a hinge coupled between the door and the body;

a water supply pipe passed through insides of the hinge and the door, and connected to the dispenser;

a hinge cover for covering and protecting the water supply pipe;

a curved holding member above the hinge that partially surrounds and holds the water supply pipe~~The refrigerator as claimed in claim 11,~~

wherein the holding member has holes in the other side surface, the holes being sized to allow for pushing out the water supply pipe inserted therein to be pushed out from the holding member.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~The refrigerator as claimed in claim 11~~ A refrigerator comprising:

a body;

a door for opening/closing a front surface of the body;

a dispenser in a front surface of the door for supplying water;

a hinge coupled between the door and the body;

a water supply pipe passed through insides of the hinge and the door, and connected to the dispenser;

a hinge cover for covering and protecting the water supply pipe;

a curved holding member above the hinge that partially surrounds and holds the water supply pipe,

wherein the holding member has projections from opposite sides of the opening at upper and lower ends of the holding member.

16. (Original) The refrigerator as claimed in claim 15, wherein the holding member has an inside diameter at the portion of the projections smaller than an outside diameter of the water supply pipe.

17. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator as claimed in claim 11, wherein the holding member has a semi-cylindrical form having one opened side surface.

18. (Original) The refrigerator as claimed in claim 17, wherein the holding member has an inside diameter smaller than an outside diameter of the water supply pipe.

19. (Original) The refrigerator as claimed in claim 11, wherein the holding member has a reinforcing rib for preventing the holding member from breaking by an elastic force of the water supply pipe.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) A dispenser assembly for a refrigerator having a body and a door for opening/closing a front surface of the body, comprising:

- a dispenser in a front surface of the door for supplying water;

- a hinge coupled between the door and the body;

- a water supply pipe passed through insides of the hinge and the door, and connected to the dispenser; and

- a curved holding member above the hinge to surround and hold the water supply pipe, wherein the holding member has a reinforcing rib for preventing the holding member from breaking by an elastic force of the water supply pipe.

22. (Previously Presented) A refrigerator comprising:

- a body;

- a door for opening/closing a front surface of the body;

- a dispenser in a front surface of the door for supplying water;

- a hinge coupled between the door and the body;

- a water supply pipe passed through insides of the hinge and the door, and connected to the dispenser;

- a hinge cover for covering and protecting the water supply pipe; and

a curved holding member above the hinge to surround and hold the water supply pipe, wherein the holding member has a reinforcing rib for preventing the holding member from breaking by an elastic force of the water supply pipe.

23. (Currently Amended) A support for a flexible tube, comprising:

a holding member having a first end portion and a second end portion;

a curved innermost wall extending between said first end portion and said second end portion;

a first holding portion proximate said first end portion, said first holding portion including a first tube receiving opening, said first holding portion configured to partially surround a flexible tube received therein; ~~and~~

a second holding portion proximate said second end portion, said second holding portion including a second tube receiving opening, said second holding portion configured to partially surround a flexible tube received therein, wherein said first tube receiving opening and said second tube receiving opening are lying within a substantially flat plane; and

a reinforcing rib member located adjacent to said innermost wall and extending between said first holding portion and said second holding portion.

24. (Previously Presented) The support according to claim 23, further comprising a curved outermost wall interconnecting said first holding portion and said second holding portion.

25. (Previously Presented) The support according to claim 24, wherein said first holding portion and said second holding portion are interconnected such that said first tube receiving opening adjoins said second tube receiving opening to form a curved tube receiving slot.

26. (Previously Presented) The support according to claim 24, wherein said innermost wall and said outermost wall each include a curved inner wall surface and a curved outer wall surface.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) ~~The support according to claim 24A~~ support for a flexible tube, comprising:

a holding member having a first end portion and a second end portion;

a curved innermost wall extending between said first end portion and said second end portion;

a first holding portion proximate said first end portion, said first holding portion including a first tube receiving opening, said first holding portion configured to partially surround a flexible tube received therein; and

a second holding portion proximate said second end portion, said second holding portion including a second tube receiving opening, said second holding portion configured to partially surround a flexible tube received therein, wherein said first tube receiving opening and said second tube receiving opening are lying within a substantially flat plane,

wherein said first holding portion and said second holding portion each include a pair of projections extending toward one another from said innermost wall and said outermost wall.

29. (Currently Amended) A support for a flexible tube, comprising:

a holding member having a first end portion and a second end portion;

a curved innermost wall extending between said first end portion and said second end portion;

a first holding portion proximate said first end portion, said first holding portion including a first tube receiving opening, said first holding portion configured to partially surround a flexible tube received therein;

a second holding portion proximate said second end portion, said second holding portion including a second tube receiving opening, said second holding portion configured to partially surround a flexible tube received therein, wherein said first tube receiving opening and said second tube receiving opening are lying within a substantially flat plane~~The support according to claim 23,~~

wherein said the holding member has holes in a side surface, the holes being sized to allow for pushing out the water supply pipe inserted therein the flexible tube to be pushed out from the holding member.

30. (New) The dispenser assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the curved holding member includes an opening on a side of the holding member for inserting the water supply pipe therethrough, the opening extending along a length of said curved holding member and lying within a substantially flat plane.

31. (New) The refrigerator as claimed in claim 11, wherein the curved holding member includes an opening on a side of the holding member for inserting the water supply pipe therethrough, the opening extending along a length of said curved holding member and lying within a substantially flat plane.